

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 2, 7, 10 and 16 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1 and 9 are currently amended.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,670,419. The Examiner has further noted that the instant claims do not recite certain limitations present in the parent case as they stood as of the requirement for restriction.

Applicants have amended claims 1 and 9 to include limitations of degree of polymerization and of cooling. Applicants are further filing a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c).

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the amendments and terminal disclaimer, and to pass claims 1, 3-6, 8-9, 11-15, and 17-20 on to allowance.

Conclusions

Applicants respectfully submit that by:

- (1) cancellation of claims 2, 7, 10, and 16 without prejudice;
 - (2) amendment of claims 1 and 9; and
 - (3) filing of a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c),
- the application is placed in condition for allowance.

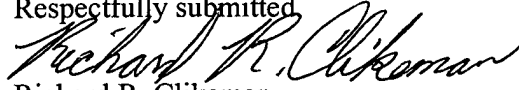
Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to:

- (1) cancel claims 2, 7, 10, and 16 without prejudice;
- (2) enter amendments to claims 1 and 9; and
- (3) pass claims 1, 3-6, 8-9, 11-15, and 17-20 on to allowance.

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Respectfully submitted

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